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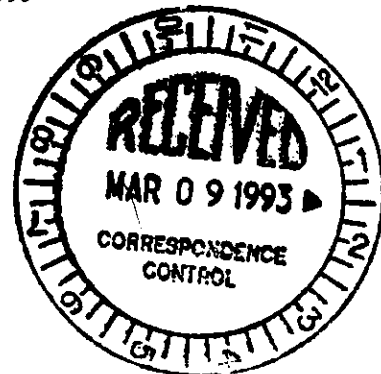
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Mr. Robert K. Stewart
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Dear Mr. Stewart:

Re: Expedited Response Action (ERA) Proposal for Sodium
Dichromate Barrel Landfill

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology), along with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as support agency, has completed the review of the Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis for the Sodium Dichromate Expedited Response Action (ERA). After reviewing the document and considering public comments, both regulatory agencies have come to an agreement on the selection of an alternative for remediation. We are recommending excavation and complete removal of all the barrels from the site and transport to an appropriate location. This alternative will meet the original intent of the ERA goal by removing all potential contamination. Also, this appears to be the only cost effective alternative to achieve an early Record of Decision (ROD). By taking this removal action, we may be able to take a no action Record of Decision.

Ecology is in the process of taking necessary steps for an "Action Memorandum" to be issued to DOE. If you have any questions, please contact me at (509)736-3015.

Sincerely,

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